Other Individuals and Organizations Involved or Interrogated

Levine, Isaac Don

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FROM: W. David Slawson WDS

SUBJECT: Conference with Mr. Isaac Don Levine on May 28, 1964

Attached is a rough transcript of a conference held on May 28, 1964 in the offices of the Commission. Present during the entire conference were Allen Dulles, Mr. Levine and W. David Slawson. Mr. Rankin was present for portions of this conference.

The conference was called at the request of Mr. Dulles, who was interested in having Mr. Levine speak with someone on the Commission staff about his ideas concerning the assassination and in particular about what he had learned while he was working with Marina to write her story. (Mr. Levine is no longer working with Marina for this purpose.) Mr. Rankin and I contemplated that the only record of it would be whatever notes I found appropriate to take. Mr. Dulles, however, felt that some sort of transcript would be advisable and therefore at the last minute Mrs. Welsh and later Mrs. Heckman were asked to take notes as best they could.

At the end of the conference Mr. Levine assured Mr. Rankin and me he would be happy to return at any reasonable time to repeat any portions of this discussion which we wanted to put into the form of sworn testimony.

Also attached hereto is a list of 33 "Fresh Clues" to the assassination. These were given to us about a week before the conference by Mr. Levine. There is frequent reference to them in the attached transcript. Also attached is a sort of biography of Mr. Herminio Portell-Vila. This was mailed to me by Mr. Levine shortly after the conference at my request. Mr. Portell-Vila is the Cuban historian mentioned in the latter part of the transcript.

Of special interest are the following:

1. On page 14 through 18, some discussion about the alleged attempt to shoot Richard M. Nixon.

2. At pages 19 through 26 there is some discussion about the "party line" being pushed by the Militant (which we know "Oswald was reading), to the effect that Kennedy and Khrushchev were hatching some "deal" which would sell true communism down the river.

3. At the very end of the transcript Levine says that when the Oswalds left Russia they smuggled out a message to one of the relatives of the Zigers who was living in the United States and that this message pleaded for help in getting the Zigers' daughters out of Russia. The theory of the note was that the two daughters having been born in Argentina could claim Argentine citizenship and thereby be taken out of Russia if the Argentina Government would take an interest in the matter. Levine suggested that some confidential source in the American Government such as the CIA should contact the Argentine Government to set machinery in motion to bring the Ziger daughters back to Argentina. Once they were out of Soviet Russia, of course, they could be questioned about Oswald and would constitute the very best kind of witnesses. The practicality of Levine's suggestion is questionable. However, I see no reason why we do not at least bring it to the attention of the CIA.

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